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Attention: Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

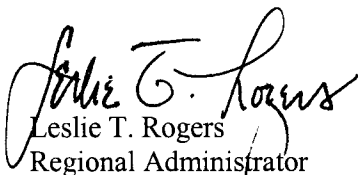
SUBJECT: 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 6 (NON-MPO PLANNING AREAS)

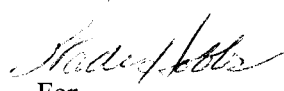
We have completed our review of Amendment No. 6 to the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (non-MPO) portion of the federally mandated Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated June 19, 2003. This amendment modifies the grouped project listing in the FSTIP for non-regionally significant projects in the non-MPO areas of California that are proposed for implementation with funding available through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that it was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the statewide planning provisions of 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are for projects proposed for implementation in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that a conformity determination be made. This finding has been coordinated with the Region IX office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval for the inclusion of Amendment No. 6, for the rural non-MPO portion of the State, into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP with the understanding that any FTA funding approvals for projects included in the amended SHOPP grouped project listing are subject to the grantees meeting all applicable Federal Transit Administration administrative requirements. Our approval is also based on Caltrans' assurance that the modified FSTIP listing for these projects is constrained to anticipated revenues available or committed to the SHOPP program in the FSTIP Financial Plan and does not adversely affect the ability of the Financial Plan to demonstrate financial constraint of the FSTIP.

Sincerely,


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Non-MPO FSTIP Binder

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